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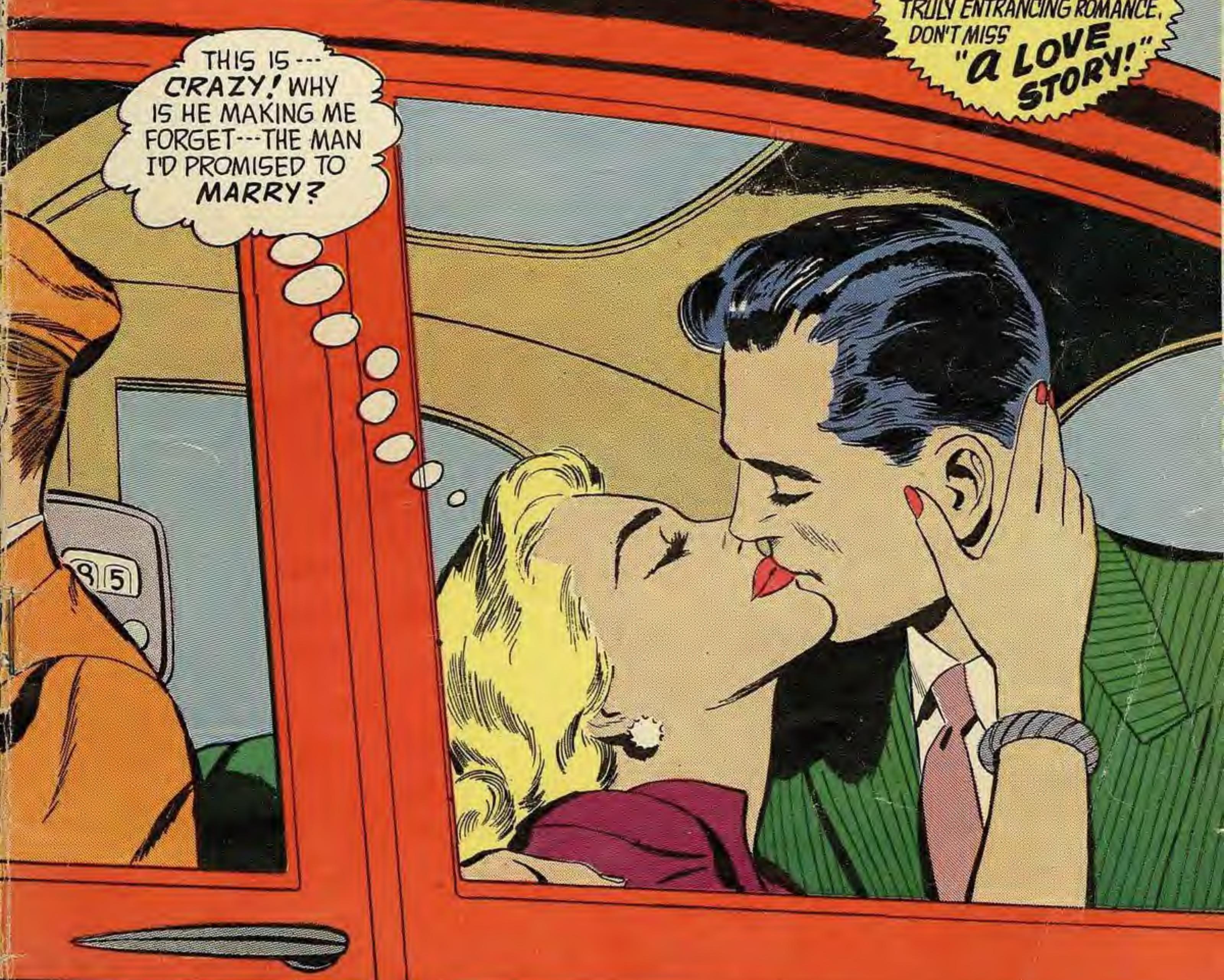
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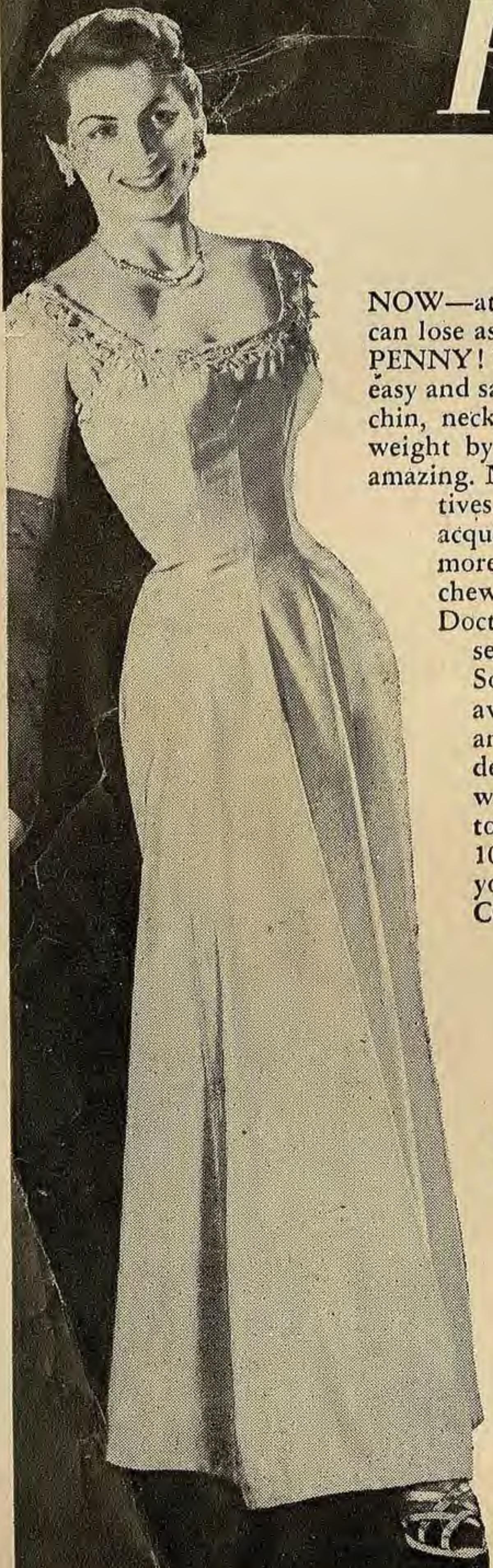


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YES, I WAS IN LOVE ... DEEPLY! AND IN MY HAPPINESS, I FORGOT THAT IT TAKES TWO TO MAKE...

A LOVE STORY!



TO ME, LIFE WAS ONE DELIRIOUS HEART-THROB, A HEAVENLY FLUFF OF ROSY-PINK CLOUDS, FOR DENNIS AND I WERE...
IN LOVE!

OF ALL THE MARVELOUS THINGS TO HAPPEN TO A GIRL! TO MEET A MAN LIKE DENNIS WELLS, FALL IN LOVE WITH HIM AND HAVE HIM RETURN THAT LOVE!

DENNIS, LET ME DOWN! ARE YOU CRAZY?

JUST HAPPY, JUDY! THAT PROMOTION I WAS ANGLING FOR FINALLY CAME THROUGH!

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WE WORKED IN AN ADVERTISING AGENCY, HE AND I! MY JOB WASN'T MUCH BUT DENNIS WAS ALREADY MAKING HIS MARK...

DARLING, I HATE TO SEEM **BOLD**, BUT IF YOU'RE GETTING A **RAISE** BY ANY CHANCE...

I AM, BABY! BUT IT'S STILL NOT ENOUGH!

HE KNEW WHAT I MEANT... THAT PERHAPS WE COULD BE SETTING OUR WEDDING DATE! BUT HE HAD OTHER IDEAS!

WE WANT EVERYTHING **PERFECT**. DON'T WE? I'M MOVING UP A FEW NOTCHES, HONEY, AND SOON I'LL BE MAKING **BIG MONEY**! TILL THEN, LET'S... WAIT!

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AND SO I WAITED, WILLINGLY AND GLADLY AT FIRST! BUT THEN, AS WEEKS AND MONTHS WENT BY...

THESE EVENINGS WITHOUT DENNIS
---SO LONELY---SO DREARY! I
KNOW IT'S WRONG TO FEEL THIS
WAY, BUT I CAN'T HELP IT---



IF I FELT GUILTY FOR RESENTING HIS ABSENCE,
WHEN I KNEW HE WAS WORKING FOR...US!

YOU OUGHT TO BE ASHAMED OF
YOURSELF! DO YOU THINK DENNIS
WANTS TO WORK LATE HOURS?
YOU'RE JUST BEING SELFISH!



AFTER TELLING MYSELF OFF
ONE NIGHT, I CAME TO A COURSE
OF ACTION...

IF I'D DO SOME-
THING INSTEAD OF MOP-
PING AROUND NIGHT AFTER
NIGHT, IT WOULD BE BETTER
FOR DENNIS AND ME! AND
I WILL!



THAT WAS IT---ACTION! INSTEAD
OF BEING A DRAG ON DENNIS, PITY-
ING MYSELF, COMPLAINING, I DETER-
MINED TO MAKE USE OF MY FREE
EVENINGS!

I FEEL BETTER
ALREADY, NOW THAT I'VE
COME TO A DECISION!
THERE'S THAT CONCERT
AT THE MUSIC CIRCLE...



IT WAS REALLY AMAZING, THE
WAY MY SPIRITS PERKED UP THE
INSTANT I DECIDED TO STOP PIN-
ING AND MOPING!

WHY, I LOOK AND FEEL
DIFFERENT ALREADY! I
SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT
OF THIS LONG AGO!



AS I LISTENED TO THE CHARMING ROMANTIC MUSIC,
MY MIND KEPT RETURNING TO DENNIS...

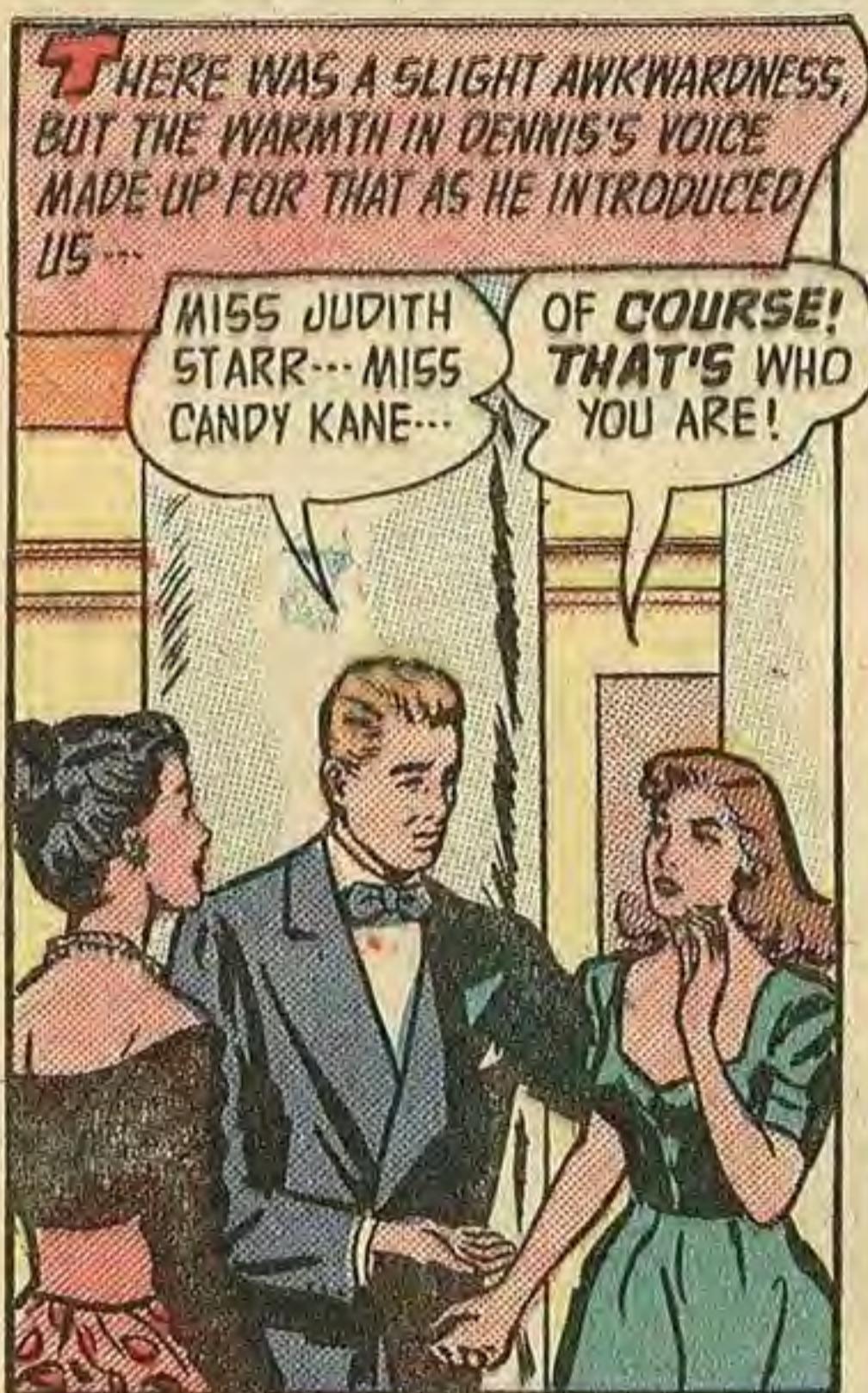
POOR DARLING, SLAVING AWAY
OVER SOME REPORTS WHEN HE
SHOULD BE HERE WITH ME!
HE'D BE HOLDING MY HAND...



DURING IN-
TERMISSION, I
JOINED THE GAY
CROWD IN THE
LOBBY, ORDER-
ING A LEMONADE
---BUT, INSTEAD
OF REFRESHMENT
---I WAS TREAT-
ED TO A SHOCK!

JUST ONE, PLEASE ---OH!
NEVER MIND! I---I DON'T
THINK I'LL HAVE ANYTHING
---AFTER ALL!





OUR EVENING TOGETHER WAS FULL OF BLISSFUL PLANS
AND HEAVENLY KISSES, ENDING ALL TOO SOON---

GOODNIGHT FOR NOW, BABY, AND
REMEMBER NOT TO BE SILLY ANY
MORE! I'M WORKING HARD---
FOR US!

GOODNIGHT,
DARLING!

FOR US AND
OUR FUTURE
HAPPINESS!
THAT'S WHAT
DENNIS WANTED
---WHAT I WANTED
MORE THAN ANY-
THING IN THE
WORLD!

I'LL NEVER BE
JEALOUS AGAIN---
NOT FOR AN
INSTANT! I'LL
JUST BELIEVE
IN HIM AND---
WAIT!

WHEN I MADE THAT RESOLUTION, I MEANT IT! BUT HOW
WOULD YOU FEEL IF NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, WEEK AFTER WEEK,
THE MAN YOU LOVED CALLED ---AS DENNIS DID---

SORRY, HONEY,
DINNER'S OFF...
BUSINESS!

FORGIVE ME, BABY,
I'VE GOT A CLIENT...
BUSINESS!

CAN'T MAKE
IT TONIGHT, LOVELY
---**BUSINESS!**

I'LL TELL YOU HOW I FELT---HURT! AND
ANGRY! YES, AND JEALOUS, TOO! JEALOUS
ENOUGH TO DO SOMETHING RASH!

TWO CAN PLAY AT THAT
LITTLE GAME! WHY DON'T
I ---OH, NO---I'M JUST
IMAGINING THINGS!

FEELING DISLOYAL, CHEAP IN MY
SUSPICIONS, I TOSSSED ON A COAT,
REMEMBERING THAT ACTION WAS
GOOD FOR LOW SPIRITS---

THE NIGHT AIR FEELS
GOOD...WHY...WHY
DO I KEEP TORTUR-
ING MYSELF WITH
DOUBTS...WONDER-
ING ABOUT HIM---

THE PARK WAS ROMANTIC THAT NIGHT--
VERY!

IT---IT'S DENNIS!
AND ANOTHER---
**BUSINESS
APPOINTMENT!**

I'D HATED MYSELF FOR BEING
SUSPICIOUS! NOW, I LOATHED MY
OWN BLIND STUPIDITY! "FAREWELL
TO DENNIS!", I THOUGHT---BUT
FIRST...

I'LL TREAT HIM TO
SOME OF HIS OWN
MEDICINE!

YES, BEFORE UNHOOKING DENNIS AND THROWING HIM BACK WITH THE REST OF THE SHARKS, I'D MAKE HIM FEEL LIKE A FOOL!

HELLO, BILL? YOU MEAN... YOU REALLY RECOGNIZED MY VOICE? HOW NICE!



WHEN I'D PHONED BILL, I HAD BEEN ANGRY---MORE, ANXIOUS TO HURT DENNIS THEN TO SEE BILL! BUT...

HAVING FUN?

MORE THAN YOU KNOW! MORE THAN I EVER DREAMED I COULD HAVE WITH... SOMEONE ELSE!



I'D BEEN DATING BILL ARNOLD AT THE TIME DENNIS CAME ALONG! WELL, BILL COULD BE QUITE A SHOCK TO DENNIS'S EGO...

JUDY, YOU'RE PRETTIER THAN EVER! TO THINK YOU REMEMBERED ME AFTER ALL THIS TIME...

YOU CAN BE PRETTY UNFORGETTABLE YOURSELF, BILL!



I BEGAN TO SEE BILL OFTEN, FORGETTING VERY SOON THAT I WAS USING HIM FOR A SELFISH PURPOSE... BEGINNING TO LIKE HIM FOR HIMSELF---MORE AND MORE...

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING OF, JUDY?

BELIEVE IT OR NOT... YOU!



HE MOVED TOWARDS ME---AND I SUPPOSE I MOVED TOWARDS HIM... THEN---WITHOUT A WORD...

---AT FIRST, GENTLE AS A WHISPER, LIGHT AND TENDER WAS OUR KISS ---DEEPENING INTO A PULSING, THROBBING DECLARATION OF LOVE ---REAL LOVE!



HE WANTED TO SPEAK TO ME, HE SAID---TO SEE ME TO MY HOUSE! BUT I KNEW THAT I COULDN'T LISTEN TO BILL UNTIL I'D FREED MYSELF FROM DENNIS!

I---I CAN'T TALK TO YOU TONIGHT, BILL! NOR TOMORROW! BUT COME TO SEE ME THE DAY AFTER ... DARLING!



I WAS TO SEE DENNIS THE NEXT EVENING! AFTER HAVING KNOWN BILL'S SINCERE, HONEST DEPTH OF FEELING, I FOUND IT HARD TO ACCEPT THE SHALLOW VANITY OF DENNIS!

...YOU HAVEN'T BEEN FOOLING ME, DENNIS, FOR A LONG TIME! LET'S CALL IT OFF!

DO YOU THINK YOU'VE BEEN FOOLING ME?

HE HAD LEARNED ABOUT BILL! HE USED THAT KNOWLEDGE AS A WEAPON, ACCUSING ME OF TWO-TIMING HIM OUT OF SPITE...

NO, NO, DENNIS, IT ISN'T TRUE!

YOU'RE LYING!

THE POT CALLING THE KETTLE BLACK! MY VOICE ROSE TO AN ANGRY HEIGHT AS I PROCLAIMED THE TRUTH!

I LOVE BILL ARNOLD! YOU WOULDN'T KNOW THAT MEANS REAL LOVE! I ADMIT THAT AT FIRST, I USED HIM TO MAKE YOU JEALOUS...

HAD I KNOWN, HAD I SUSPECTED THAT AT THAT MOMENT, BILL WAS OUTSIDE MY DOOR ... I'D HAVE CUT MY TONGUE OUT SOONER THAN SPEAK!

...USED BILL TO PUNISH YOU! I DID START TO DATE HIM OUT OF SPITE! BUT...

IN SHOUTING THE TRUTH, I HAD NO IDEA THAT I HAD ALSO CONDEMNED MYSELF!

...I LEARNED TO DETEST YOU AND TO LOVE BILL! WILL YOU GO NOW?

OKAY, BABY, BUT YOU'LL BE SORRY!

I NEVER HEARD HIS FINAL WORDS, FOR SOMETHING CAUGHT MY EYE ... A BUNCH OF ROSES, CRUMPLED BY A TENSE HAND, TOSSED AWAY...

BILL! HE'S BEEN HERE... HE HEARD...

IN GIVING UP DENNIS, I'D ... LOST BILL! LOST THE MAN I LOVED, AND WORSE ... WOUNDED HIM DEEPLY! HE COULDN'T BE FAR OFF IF HE'D BEEN AT MY DOOR SO RECENTLY! MAYBE ...

MAYBE I CAN CATCH HIM! I ... I'VE GOT TO! BILL! BILL!

FINALLY, I SAW HIM STRIDING UP AHEAD, HIS JAW SET TIGHTLY! UNASHAMED, I RAN AFTER HIM, CALLED TO HIM...

BILL, DARLING, PLEASE! WHAT YOU OVERHEARD---IT WAS ONLY PART OF WHAT I SAID---
LISTEN TO ME...

NO, JUDY, I'VE LISTENED ENOUGH FOR ONE NIGHT!

IHAD NO IDEA OF THE COMMOTION I WAS CREATING UNTIL REALITY IN A UNIFORM STEPPED BETWEEN US!

WHAT'S WRONG, LADY,
THIS MAN ANNOYING YOU?

HE---HE---
CERTAINLY IS!

PERHAPS IT WASN'T THE FAIR THING TO DO, TO ALLOW BILL TO BE ESCORTED TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION. BUT THERE, HE'D HAVE TO LISTEN TO ME...

IF YOU'D STAYED ONE MINUTE LONGER, BILL, YOU'D HAVE KNOWN HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU! I WANT YOU TO KNOW --- I WANT EVERYONE TO KNOW---

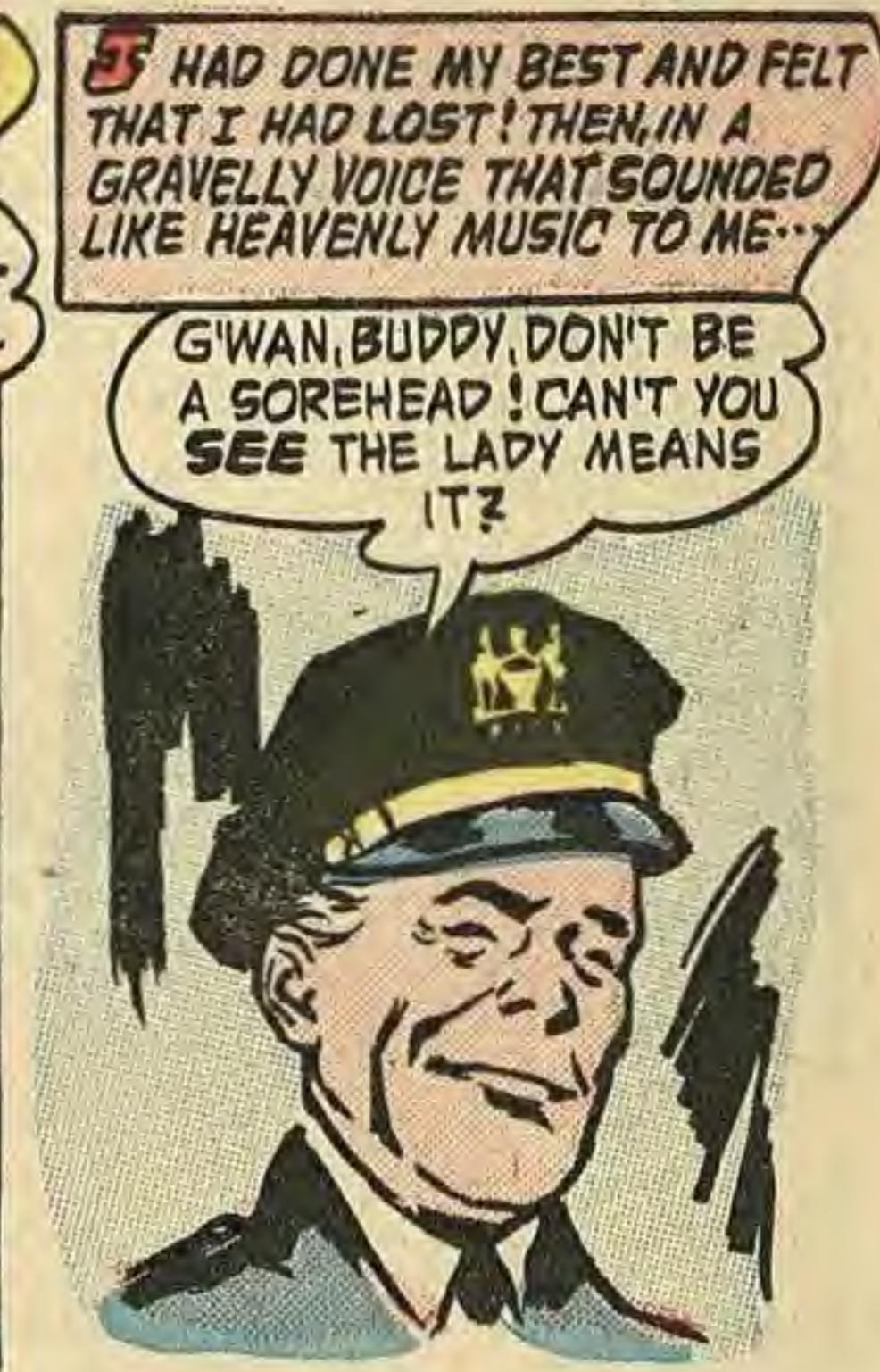
SIT WAS A FULL CONFESSION, COMING STRAIGHT FROM MY HEART!

I LOVE YOU, BILL! WON'T YOU BELIEVE ME?

JUDY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK...

EHAD DONE MY BEST AND FELT THAT I HAD LOST! THEN, IN A GRAVELLY VOICE THAT SOUNDED LIKE HEAVENLY MUSIC TO ME...

G'WAN, BUDDY, DON'T BE A SOREHEAD! CAN'T YOU SEE THE LADY MEANS IT?



BILL HELD OUT HIS ARMS ---AND I WALKED INTO THEM! WHO EVER SAID BIG CITY COPS WERE TOUGH, I WONDERED...

YOU'LL BE BEST MAN AT OUR WEDDING, WON'T YOU, SARGE?

COUNT ON ME, MAC!

I'LL BET IT'S NEVER BEEN THAT QUIET IN A POLICE STATION BEFORE ---OR SINCE!



EMPTY KISSES

"GET SOME SENSE, will you, Kaye?" said Audrey impatiently. "You're not Little Red Riding-Hood, you know! You've come to live in the big city, so grow up!"

It was almost five-thirty and the girls, who worked in the same office, had repaired to the ladies' room for a lipstick and powder session. With her usual arrogant poise, Audrey edged Kaye away from the mirror as she spoke authoritatively.

"You were lucky enough to get a date with a sharp guy like Art. Plenty of the girls in the office wouldn't mind changing places with you tonight. So, when in Rome, do as the Romans do!"

"But I hear things about him... things I'm not so sure I like!" Kaye protested. "He's got a reputation for being...well...fast! I know I sound like an old-fashioned hick to you, Audrey, but I've been brought up to think men ought to respect girls!"

"Oh, brother!" Audrey was annoyed as she sighted the dark roots that told her her blonde hair needed a touch-up. "Look, kid. Art's sophisticated. He's been around. When he takes a girl out, he expects her to kiss him goodnight! So what? What's a kiss or two when it doesn't really mean anything? Don't be a fool, Kaye!"

But Kaye felt very much a fool when a few hours later, after dinner and dancing, it was time for her escort to see her home. She felt a fool for the panic that was rising within her. He'd been too slick by far, putting his hand on hers, holding her too closely when they danced, brushing her ear with his lips. There was no use pretending. She didn't like him and he did scare her a little!

"Have a nice time, honey?" Art asked her, taking her elbow as he helped her out of the cab. "Y'know,

you could be quite a cute little date if you weren't so stand-offish!"

His oily voice made her uncomfortable. When he'd first asked her for a date, how happy she'd been, how triumphant! And now, now she was sorry she'd ever accepted!

Art was leaning towards her now, drawing her into his arms. It was evident that he expected to kiss her and to be kissed in return. Shutting her eyes, Kaye repeated the lesson that Audrey had tried to teach her that evening. "What's a kiss or two when it doesn't really mean anything?"

That was it! Of course! With a new feeling of strength, Kaye realized exactly what was wrong with Audrey's argument. When it didn't mean anything, a kiss shouldn't happen! Firmly, she pushed Art away, with a cold, final "Good night!"

"Hey, what is this, an act?" Art couldn't understand what was happening. He frowned, reaching for Kaye again, forcing her into his arms.

"Let me alone!" Kaye said. Though she was still afraid, it was a different kind of fear, a better kind. For she knew where she stood and she was determined to act as she felt, not as others told her.

"Let her alone!" Another voice cut in and a hand landed on Art's shoulder, pulling him away. "Can't you see the lady doesn't appreciate your attentions?"

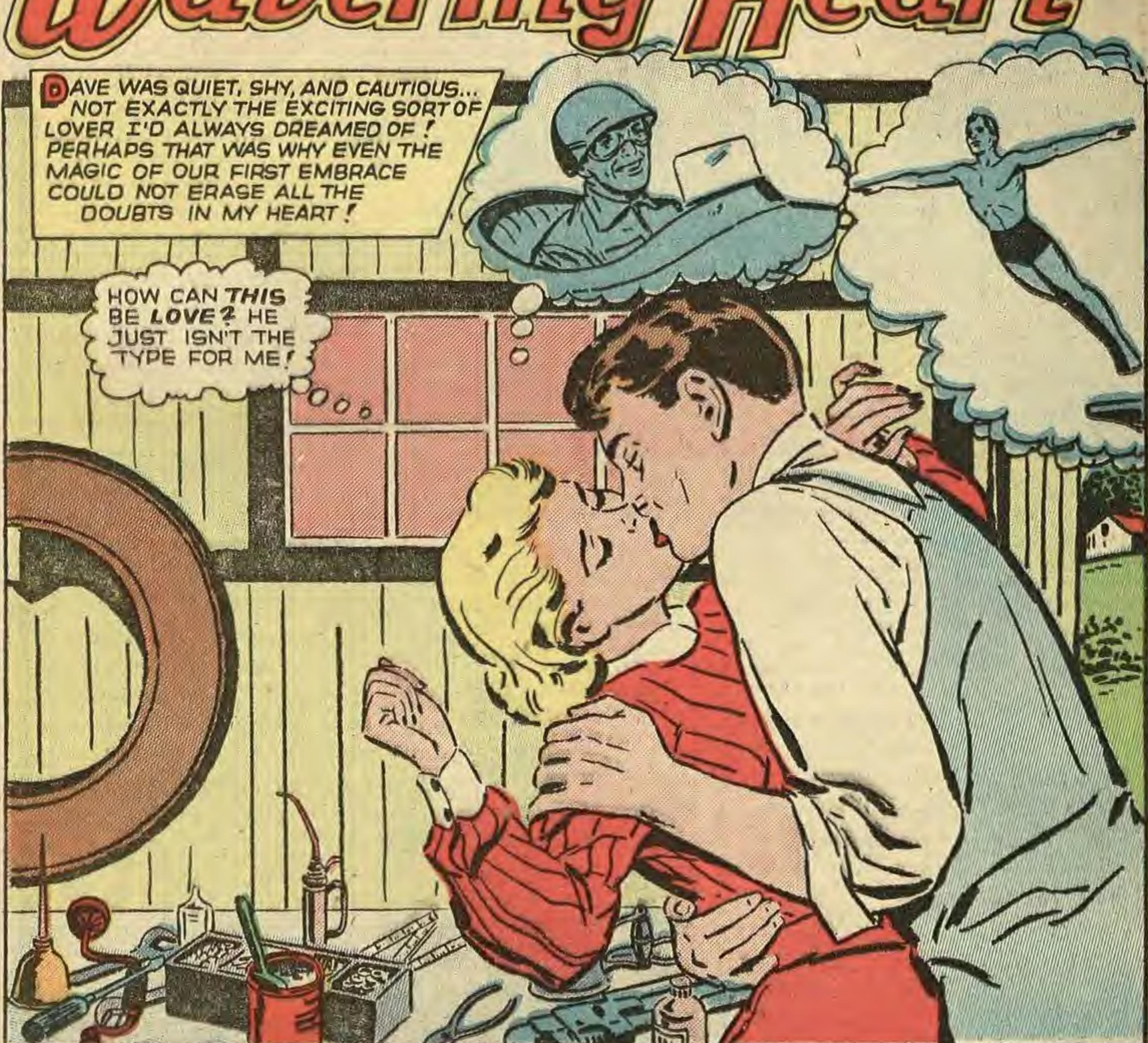
He was a coward, too, was Art, for he left without a backward glance. Kaye smiled tearfully up at her rescuer. "It's all right," he said, "I live next door. Let me see you safely to yours!"

He smiled and Kaye felt suddenly surer of herself than she had in a long time. Some day, he would kiss her...and it wouldn't be meaningless!

Wavering Heart

DAVE WAS QUIET, SHY, AND CAUTIOUS... NOT EXACTLY THE EXCITING SORT OF LOVER I'D ALWAYS DREAMED OF! PERHAPS THAT WAS WHY EVEN THE MAGIC OF OUR FIRST EMBRACE COULD NOT ERASE ALL THE DOUBTS IN MY HEART!

HOW CAN THIS BE LOVE? HE JUST ISN'T THE TYPE FOR ME!



MAYBE I WAS FOOLISH NOT TO LET MYSELF FALL IN LOVE WITH DAVE! HE WAS GOOD-LOOKING, INTELLIGENT--

GOSH, SUE, YOU SURE DO THINGS TO ME!

WELL, IT TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH TO FINALLY KISS ME!



BUT... I HAD TO BE SURE YOU WANTED ME TO!

SOMETIMES WHAT A GIRL WANTS IS TO BE SWEEPED OFF HER FEET!



BUT IF I'D THOUGHT BEING ON KISSING TERMS WITH DAVE WOULD SUDDENLY TRANSFORM OUR ROMANCE INTO SOMETHING NEW AND THRILLING, I WAS SADLY MISTAKEN!

IT'S YOUR MOVE, HONEY!

WHAT A WAY TO SPEND SATURDAY NIGHT!



EVEN DAVE'S FAVORITE HOBBY--TINKERING WITH HIGH-POWERED ENGINES--SEEMED IMPOSSIBLY DULL TO ME!

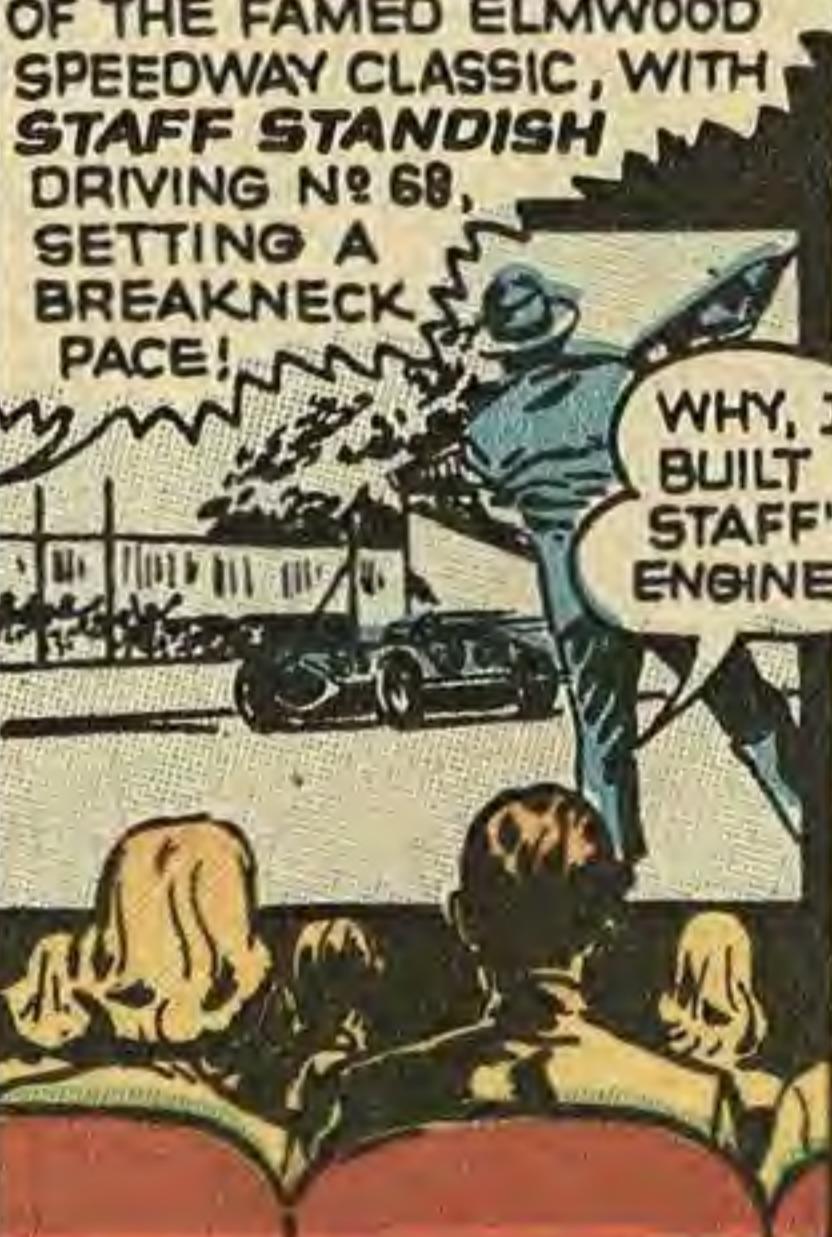
DON'T YOU EVER ENVY THE FELLOWS WHO DRIVE THESE CARS YOU WORK ON?

NOPE... I'D RATHER BUILD THE ENGINES! BESIDES, THE EXTRA MONEY WILL PAY FOR THE NEW IMPROVEMENTS ON THE GARAGE!



WHEN WE WENT OUT, IT WAS USUALLY TO A MOVIE... DAVE HAD TO WATCH HIS PENNIES!

THEY'RE OFF, ON THE FINALS OF THE FAMED ELMWOOD SPEEDWAY CLASSIC, WITH STAFF STANDISH DRIVING N° 68, SETTING A BREAKNECK PACE!



THE WINNER... STAFF STANDISH! AND DON'T THE GALS LOVE HIM!



AND THE NEXT WEEK-END--

HOW THRILLING!

AFTER THE RACE, LET'S GO DOWN AND SEE STAFF! I WANT TO SHOW YOU THE ENGINE I BUILT FOR HIM!



NEVERTHELESS, MOTHER HAD NO PATIENCE WITH MY RELUCTANCE TO SAY "YES"!

YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED... I SUPPOSE MOONING OVER THE PICTURES YOU'RE RIGHT! IN SCREEN MAGAZINES AT YOUR AGE! DAVE'S AS FINE A YOUNG MAN AS YOU'LL EVER MEET!

IT'S JUST THAT I'D ALWAYS PICTURED THE MAN I'D FALL IN LOVE WITH AS SOMEONE GLAMOROUS AND--ROMANTIC!



STAFF, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET SUE MILLER! SHE WANTS TO CONGRATULATE THE WINNER!

I'D SAY DAVE DESERVES THE CONGRATULATIONS, MISS MILLER! WHERE HAS HE BEEN HIDING YOU?

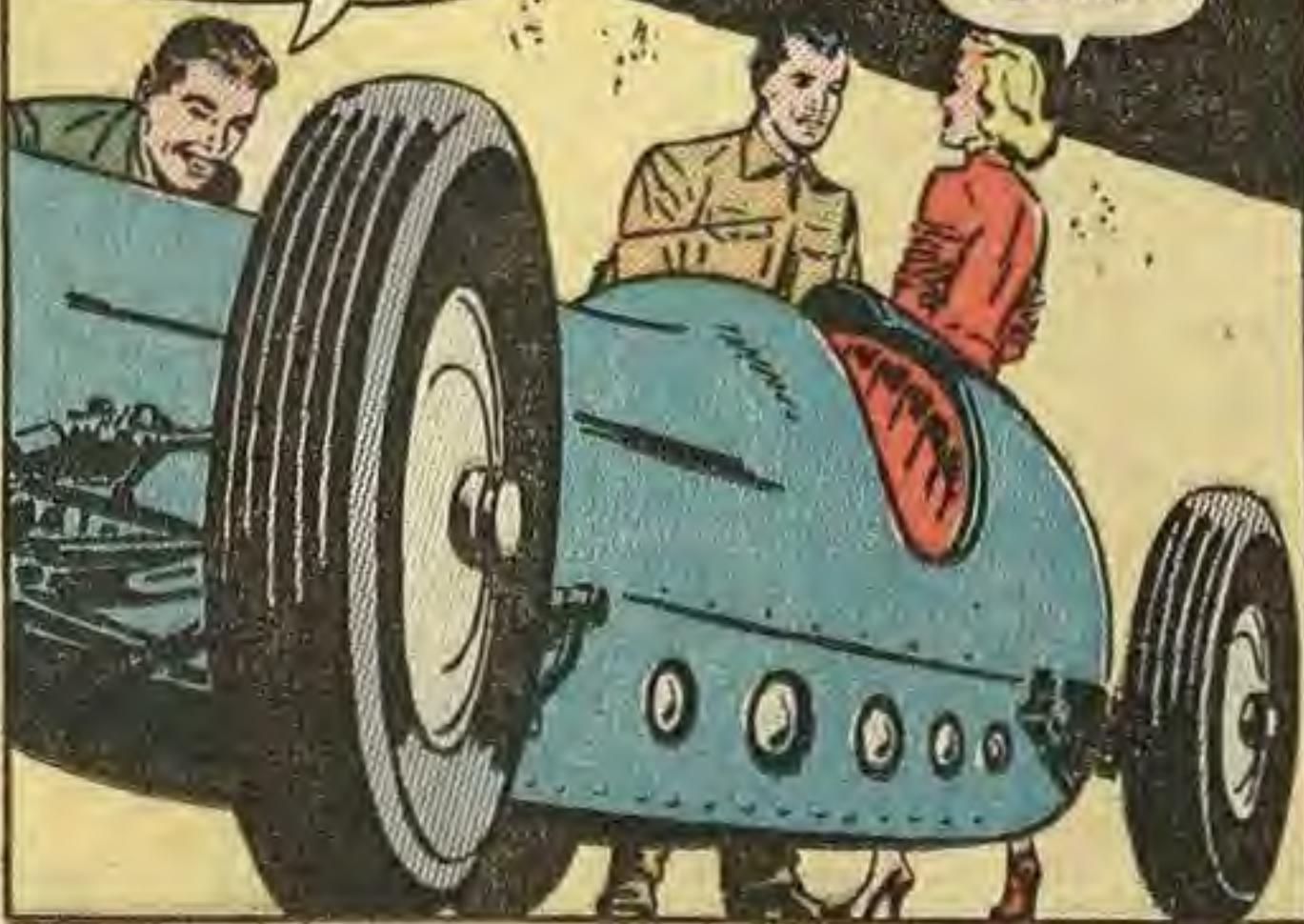


STAFF'S EFFECT ON ME WAS DISTURBING...
ELECTRIC!

SUE, THIS IS THE
TWIN CARBURETOR
ARRANGEMENT I
WAS TELLING
YOU ABOUT!

YOU DON'T SEEM
VERY INTERESTED
IN ENGINES, MISS
MILLER!

ER... NO!
THAT -
IS... I...



WHEN HE SUGGESTED THAT WE ALL HAVE DINNER
TOGETHER, I SECONDED THE MOTION SO PROMPTLY
THAT I BLUSHED--

BUT THIS IS THE MOST
EXPENSIVE RESTAURANT
IN TOWN! I KNOW A
CHEAPER SPOT WHERE
WE CAN GET JUST AS
GOOD A MEAL!

SHUCKS, YOU CAN'T TAKE
IT WITH YOU, DAVE! BUT
NEVER MIND, I'M FLUSH
TONIGHT! PLEASE BE
MY GUESTS!



AND LATER--

I CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT,
SUE! YOU JUST AREN'T
THE TYPE FOR A PLODDING
GUY LIKE DAVE!

PLEASE DON'T SAY
THINGS LIKE THAT!
DAVE'S THE -- NICEST
MAN I KNOW!



BUT STAFF'S WORDS-- AND THE MEMORY OF
HIS ARMS ABOUT ME -- WOULD NOT BE
BANISHED! WHEN DAVE TOOK ME HOME
THAT NIGHT--

YOU SEEM AWFULLY
QUIET, SUE! ARE YOU
FEELING ALL RIGHT?

I GUESS I'M
A LITTLE--
TIRED!



THEN DAVE TOOK ME IN HIS ARMS
AND, FOR A LONG, ECSTATIC MOMENT,
ALL MY DOUBTS WERE STILLED!



SUE
DARLING,
I LOVE
YOU!

I MUST LOVE
HIM, TOO! OR
WHY WOULD
HIS KISS
MAKE ME
FEEL LIKE
THIS?



BUT AS I LAY AWAKE IN THE
DARKNESS, MY CERTAINTY
SLOWLY VANISHED!

HOW DO I KNOW DAVE'S
KISSES ARE SO SPECIAL?
I WONDER WHAT IT WOULD
BE LIKE TO KISS A MAN
LIKE STAFF?



DAVE AND I HAD PLANNED A PICNIC FOR THE NEXT DAY! AND WITH HIM--

STAFF ASKED IF HE COULD COME ALONG! YOU DON'T MIND, DO YOU?

OF -- COURSE NOT



ONCE MORE STAFF'S NEARNESS SET MY PULSES RACING--

THANKS FOR SAVING ME FROM THAT POISON IVY!
DON'T MENTION IT... THE PLEASURE'S ALL MINE!



HOW ABOUT IT, DAVE... I DARE YOU TO DIVE FROM HERE!

WHY TAKE A NEEDLESS RISK? THERE MIGHT BE ROCKS JUST BELOW THE SURFACE!



BEING TIMID WON'T MAKE YOU LIVE FOREVER!
WATCH THIS!

I KNEW STAFF'S DIVE HAD BEEN A FOOLHARDY STUNT, YET SOMEHOW I FELT IRRITATED AT DAVE FOR NOT TAKING THE DARE! THEN, AS WE DROVE HOME--

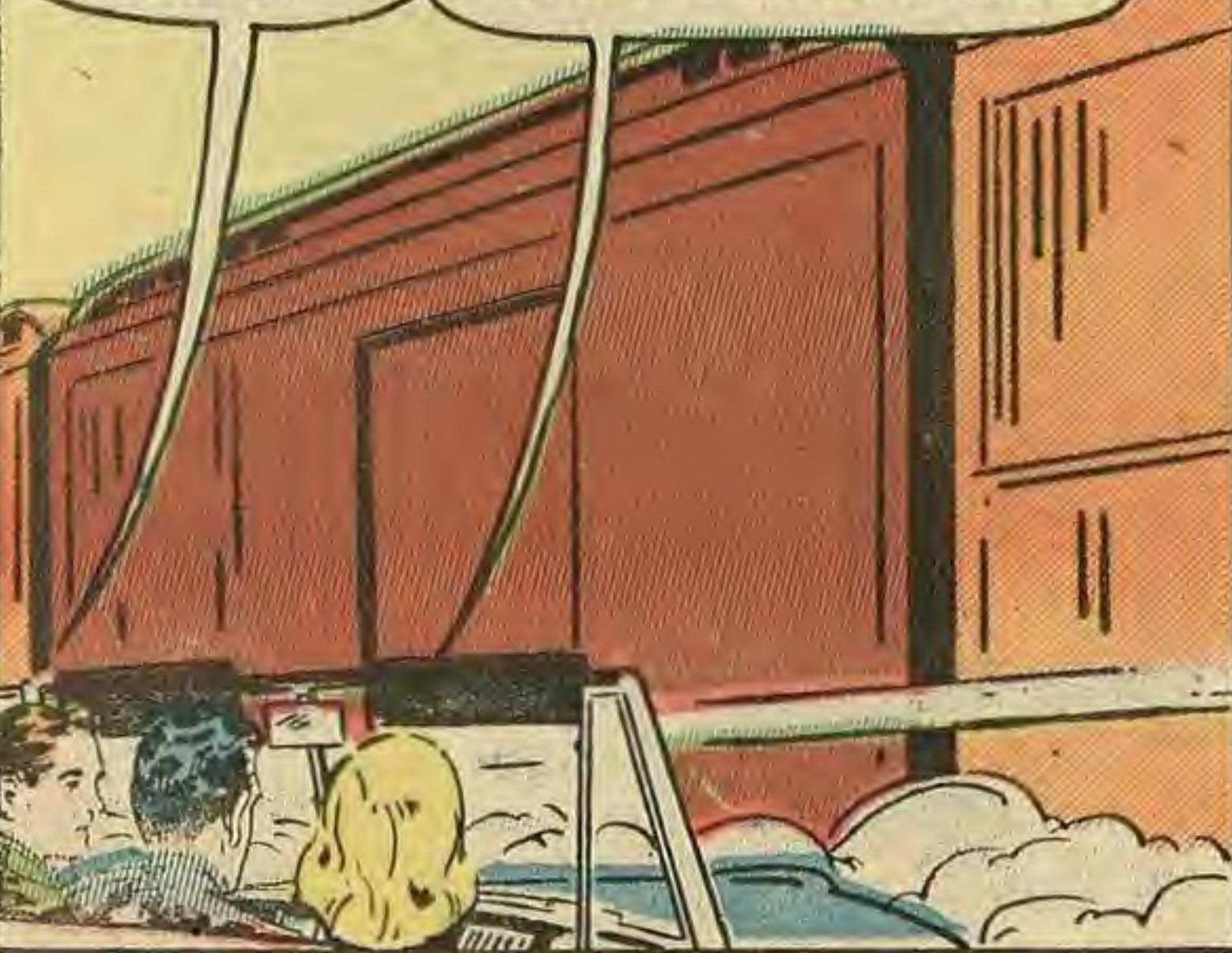
DARN THE LUCK, IF THAT FREIGHT TRAIN BLOCKS US AT THE CROSSING, WE'LL NEVER BE IN TIME FOR THE THEATER!

STEP ON IT,
DAVE! YOU
CAN BEAT
THAT TRAIN!



NOTHING DOING! NO THEATER IS WORTH TAKING A CHANCE LIKE THAT!

STAFF SAID WE COULD HAVE MADE IT, AND HE'S HAD MORE EXPERIENCE THAN YOU! NOW WE'LL NEVER SEE THAT SHOW!



SURE ENOUGH, WE WERE TOO LATE! WE DROPPED STAFF OFF AND DROVE SILENTLY HOME--

GOODNIGHT, HONEY!
SORRY WE MISSED THE SHOW!

THAT'S ALL RIGHT,
DAVE...



AS DAVE
DROVE
OFF--

WHY,
STAFF!

I FIGURED DAVE
WOULDN'T KNOW HOW
TO **REALLY** KISS A
GIRL GOOD-NIGHT! LET
ME SHOW YOU HOW
IT **SHOULD**
BE DONE!

BEFORE I KNEW WHAT WAS
HAPPENING, I WAS IN HIS
ARMS! WITH MASTERFUL
SELF-CONFIDENCE, HIS
LIPS CLAIMED MINE--

OH, STAFF, WE-- SHOULDN'T
HAVE DONE THAT!

WHY NOT...YOU'RE
NOT ENGAGED TO
DAVE! I'M THE
RIGHT GUY FOR
YOU, AND **YOU**
KNOW IT!



WAS HE RIGHT? I HAD TO FIND OUT-- WHICH
MEANT SEEING HIM! THE VERY NEXT DAY--

THIS IS THE SORT
OF LIFE YOU WERE
MADE FOR,
BABY!

DAVE WOULD NEVER THINK
OF TAKING ME TO A PLACE
LIKE **THIS** IN A
MILLION YEARS!



SHAMELESSLY, I REVELED IN THE OBVIOUS
ENVY OF OTHER WOMEN!

ISN'T THAT
STAFF
STANDISH,
THE RACING
DRIVER?

GOOD-
LOOKING,
ISN'T
HE?



I DIDN'T MEAN TO BE CRUEL TO DAVE! BUT STAFF'S
IMPETUOUS CHARM HAD SWEPT ME COMPLETELY
OFF MY FEET!

THANKS FOR ASKING
ME, DAVE, BUT I'VE
ALREADY MADE A
DATE WITH STAFF
FOR THIS
EVENING!

HURRY UP, SUE, WE'LL
BE LATE FOR THE
PARTY!



WATCH ME PASS
THIS LINE OF
SLOW POKES
AHEAD!

SLOW DOWN, STAFF!
YOU'RE NOT ON THE
RACE TRACK!



I BEGAN TO DISCOVER THAT STAFF'S POPULARITY HAD CERTAIN DRAWBACKS!

PLEASE SIGN MINE, TOO!

SURE, HONEY! WHO'S NEXT?

HE CERTAINLY DOESN'T OBJECT TO GIVING AUTOGRAPHS... OR LEAVING ME SITTING HERE ALONE!

SOMETIMES STAFF'S FLAMBOYANT BEHAVIOR WAS A LITTLE HARD TO UNDERSTAND--

DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU SHOULD HAVE TREATED ALL THOSE PEOPLE TO DINNER, WHEN YOU STILL OWE DAVE FOR YOUR MOTOR?

FORGET IT... AFTER I WIN THAT RACE TOMORROW, I'LL BE LOADED WITH DOUGH!



JUST RELAX AND LEAVE THE FINANCIAL WORRIES TO ME!

HE'S RIGHT... WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME? ISN'T HE EXACTLY THE SORT OF MAN I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF?

BUT JUST BEFORE THE NEXT DAY'S BIG RACE, STAFF'S ENGINE DEVELOPED UNEXPECTED TROUBLE--

I CAN'T GUARANTEE SHE'LL TURN OUT FULL HORSEPOWER!

JUST HURRY UP AND GET HER RUNNING... I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST!



A MINUTE BEFORE THE START--

HOORAY! SHE'S RUNNING!

AND NOW A SHOT OF THIS ETHER IN THE GAS TANK TO STEP UP THE POWER!

BUT SOUPING UP AN ENGINE WITH ETHER HAS BEEN OUTLAWED FOR SAFETY REASONS!

DON'T BE SUCH AN OLD WOMAN! WHO'S GONNA KNOW?

HOW COULD HE DO SUCH A THING... HE'S RISKING OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES, NOT JUST HIS OWN!

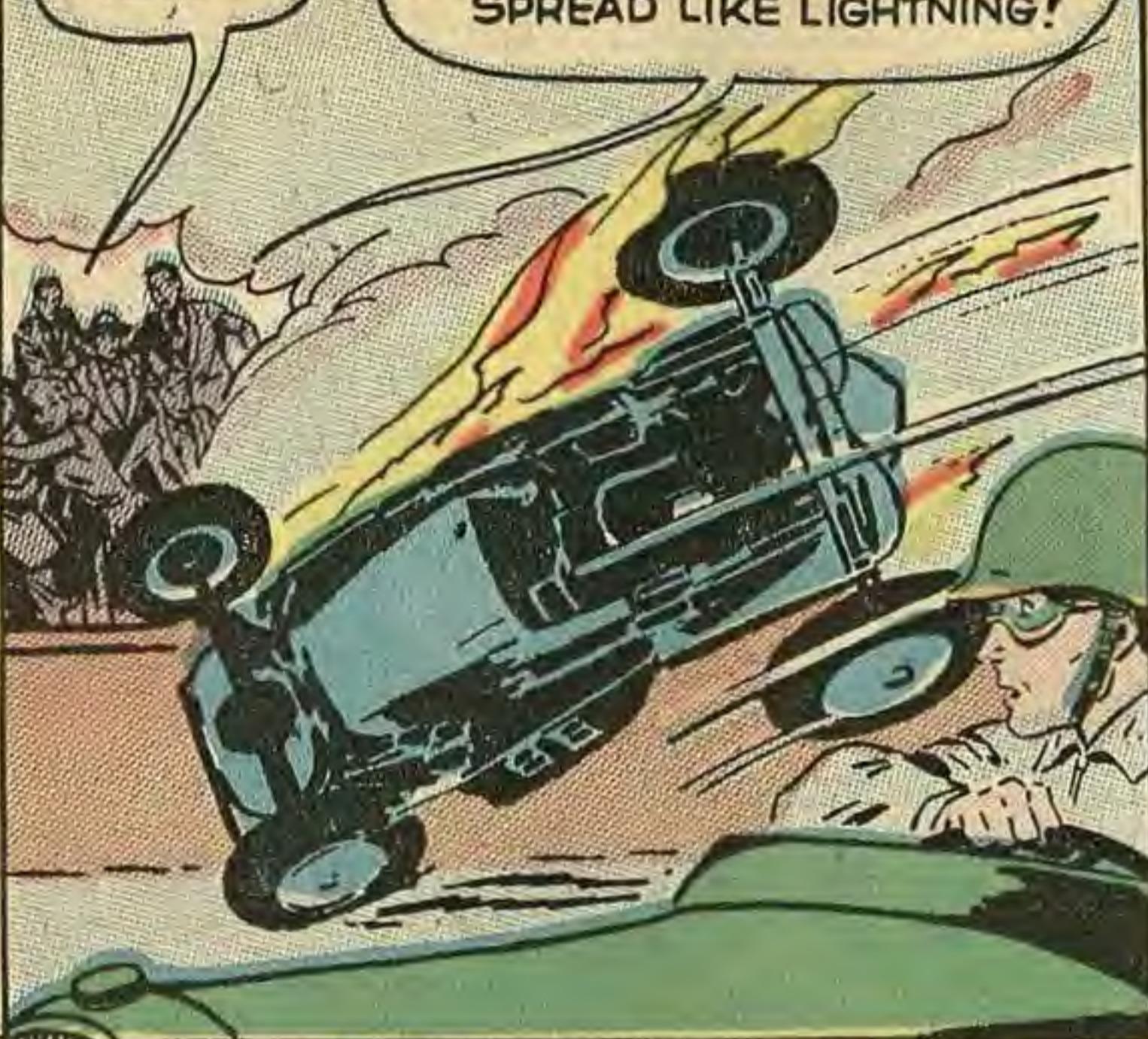
MAYBE NOTHING WILL GO WRONG... HOLD ON! SOMETHING'S HAPPENING!

LOOK, ONE CAR'S ON FIRE!



HELP!

RUN... THOSE FLAMES WILL SPREAD LIKE LIGHTNING!



NEAR-PANIC REIGNED AS THE GRANDSTAND CAUGHT FIRE!

THE DRIVER'S STILL TRAPPED IN THE WRECK!

HE'S A GONER, THEN... NO ONE CAN GET THROUGH THOSE FLAMES!

DAVE! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

DAVE DASHED STRAIGHT INTO THE ENCIRCLING FLAMES! AN ETERNITY SEEMED TO PASS, AND THEN--

HE'S GOT HIM!
THAT WAS THE MOST COURAGEOUS ACT I'VE EVER SEEN!



DAVE, WHAT A WONDERFULLY BRAVE THING TO DO! YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE... AND FOR A MAN WHO CALLED YOU A COWARD!

RISKS HAVE TO BE TAKEN... WHEN SOMETHING IMPORTANT IS AT STAKE! BESIDES, I KNEW YOU'D FALLEN IN LOVE WITH STAFF!



YOU COULDN'T BE MORE **WRONG**!
HIS GLITTER MAY HAVE BLINDED ME AT FIRST, BUT I CAN SEE CLEARLY **NOW**-- CLEARLY ENOUGH TO KNOW HE'LL NEVER BE THE MAN **YOU** ARE!

YOU
MEAN...?



WOULD HE **STILL** WANT ME, AFTER I'D BEHAVED SO FOOLISHLY? FOR A MOMENT, MY HEART POUNDED IN AGONIZED UNCERTAINTY, AND THEN--

I MEAN THAT **YOU'RE** THE MAN I LOVE, DAVE... IF YOU STILL WANT ME!

WANT YOU? I COULD NEVER STOP WANTING YOU!



THERE WERE NO RESERVATIONS NOW, AS I SURRENDERED TO HIS KISS! AND THE ECSTATIC HAPPINESS THAT FILLED ME WAS PROOF ENOUGH THAT HERE WAS **LOVE** AT LAST...

COMPLETE AND EVERLASTING!



PARTY LINES



The END!

LOVE AFFAIR

IS THERE SUCH A THING AS A TYPICAL LOVE AFFAIR... A PREDICTABLE LOVE AFFAIR? HOW MANY BRIDES STAND AT THE ALTAR WITH THE MAN OF THEIR HEART'S DESIRE? HOW MANY GROOMS MARRY THE GIRL OF THEIR DREAMS? WHAT ARE THE CHANCES OF MEETING PRINCE CHARMING ... OR OF WINNING THE ONLY GIRL?



TAKE JANIE WINSLOW... SHE'S AN AVERAGE GIRL IN MOST WAYS... ATTRACTIVE, EFFICIENT, HARD-WORKING... AND VERY TIRED OF BEING SINGLE!



LIKE MOST GIRLS, SHE HAS A JOB... BUT JANIE, THOUGH SHE WORKS FORTY HOURS A WEEK IN A LAW OFFICE, IS ACTUALLY ELSEWHERE MUCH OF THE TIME!

TAKE A LETTER, MISS WINSLOW! TO SIGNOR ARMANDO GARCIA, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA...

SIGNOR ARMANDO GARCIA...
SIGNORINA JANIE GARCIA...



AND SO... JANIE IS LOST IN REVERIE! PART OF HER MIND IS TAKING A LETTER... BUT THE REST OF IT...

I, ZE GREAT MATADOR ARMANDO GARCIA, DEDICATE THIS CONQUEST TO ZE GIRL I LOVE ... JANIE WINSLOW!



**UNFORTUNATELY FOR JANIE... REALITY OFTEN
INTERFERES WITH HER DREAMS...**

...NOW TYPE THAT
LETTER UP AND
SEND IT OFF
IMMEDIATELY! **MISS
WINSLOW, ARE
YOU LISTEN-
ING?**

Y-YES,
SIR! RIGHT
AWAY!



**JANIE HAS VOWED MANY TIMES TO STOP DAY-
DREAMING! BUT OF WHAT AVAIL HER VOWS...
WHEN ANYTHING CAN SET OFF HER ROMANTIC
IMAGINATION?**

**FIERCE AIR BATTLES
ARE RAGING OVER
NORTH KOREA! HEAVY
ENEMY LOSSES, BUT
THREE OF OUR
PLANES ARE ALSO**

**MISS-
ING!**

**THREE OF OUR PILOTS
GONE---HOW AWFUL!
THEIR POOR WIVES---
THEIR SWEET-
HEARTS...**



I'LL COME
BACK FOR
YOU, JANIE
---I'VE GOT
TO!

OH, DARLING
---DARLING---



**MISS WINSLOW... WHAT'S
GOTTEN INTO YOU LATELY?
YOU'VE BEEN MOONING
AROUND LIKE A ZOMBIE!
GET YOUR MIND BACK
ON YOUR WORK!**

OH! Y-YES, SIR!
I'M SORRY, SIR!



**INSTEAD OF FEELING FOOLISH,
JANIE IS ANGRY! FOR HOW COULD A
DEADLY SERIOUS BOSS BE EXPECTED
TO UNDERSTAND THE LONGINGS IN A
YOUNG GIRL'S HEART?**

OF COURSE, HE WOULDN'T UNDER-
STAND! WHY DID I HAVE TO GET
STUCK WITH A GRUMPY SOURPUSS
LIKE DAN PORTER? HOW DIFFER-
ENT I HOPED MY JOB WOULD BE...
I THOUGHT, MAYBE IT WOULD OFFER
ME GLAMOUR... ROMANCE...
LIKE...



**"...AND SO, GENTLEMEN, I ACCEPT
YOUR NOMINATION FOR THE PRESI-
DENCY OF THE UNITED STATES
...AND I... "JANIE, PUT THAT
NOTEBOOK DOWN---THERE'S
SOMETHING
I HAVE TO
SAY TO
YOU!"**



**DARLING, YOU'VE BEEN MY
INSPIRATION---WITHOUT YOU,
I... I... JANIE, THEY TELL ME
THAT THE VOTERS LIKE THEIR
PRESIDENT TO BE A MARRIED
MAN---AND YOU'D MAKE A
BEAUTIFUL FIRST LADY!**

**DARL-
ING!**



BUT LIFE ISN'T LIKE THAT! JANIE'S DAYS AT THE OFFICE ARE DRAB---AND AFTERWARDS, INSTEAD OF ADMIRATION FROM SOPHISTICATED MEN---

SOME BABE, EH PETE?
A LITTLE TOO SKINNY
---BUT CLASS!

YOU
KIDDIN'?
THAT KINDA
CLASS DON'T
FOOL ME!

HOME TO JANIE IS A DRAB FURNISHED ROOM! THERE ARE DATES WITH TOM, DICK, AND HARRY, WHOSE KISSES LEAVE HER COLD---BUT MOSTLY HER EVENINGS ARE SPENT---

READING! I
GUESS I'VE READ
EVERY BOOK IN THE
LIBRARY! WHAT'S
WRONG WITH ME?
WON'T I EVER MEET
THE RIGHT MAN?

HER HEART IS HEAVY, FOR SHE HASN'T LEARNED THAT THE WAYS OF LOVE ARE MYSTERIOUS! AND JUST WHEN SHE BEGINS TO LOSE HOPE---

I'M JUAN ALVAREZ---ANNOUNCE ME TO SIGNOR PORTER! BUT WAIT---DON'T THINK ME BOLD, SIGNORINA---BUT I MUST COMMENT ON YOUR BEAUTY! I WONDER IF PERHAPS YOU WOULD FAVOR ME WITH YOUR COMPANY---

...ER...
MR. ALVAREZ,
I HARDLY KNOW
YOU---

BUT A DATE IS MADE ON THE SPOT! AND WHEN THE DASHING CABALLERO DISAPPEARS INTO CONFERENCE WITH DAN PORTER---

HERE'S THE FILE ON HIM! LET'S SEE...
MILLIONAIRE CATTLE-MAN, EXTENSIVE BRAZILIAN OIL HOLDINGS, INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED YACHTSMAN---"AND HE LIKES ME!"

SUDDENLY THE WORLD IS SUFFUSED WITH A ROSY GLOW---AND LATER---

THE CONTRACTS WILL BE READY TONIGHT, MR. ALVAREZ... WE'D BETTER MEET TO---

SORRY! TO-NIGHT I HAVE A RENDEZVOUS!
CORRECT, MISS WINSLOW!

YOU SURE WORK FAST, DON'T YOU?

SO LONG AS I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING AGAINST THE COMPANY RULES---
I'LL THANK YOU TO MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!

JANIE IS TOO ANGRY WITH DAN, TOO FULL OF EAGER ANTICIPATION, TO NOTICE THE DARK CLOUD OF HURT IN HIS EYES!

DARN IT, WHAT DO I SEE IN HER? BUT I'VE GOT TO FACE IT---I'M JEALOUS! TO THINK THAT A GIRL LIKE THAT...

A GIRL LIKE THAT! YES, JANIE WASN'T AT ALL THE GIRL OF DAN'S DREAMS... AND HE HAD MANY...

LOOK OUT!

WHAM!

SCREECH!

YOU...
SAVED MY
LIFE! DES-
TINY THREW
US TO-
GETHER...

SOMETIMES DAN PREFERRED REDHEADS... AND KISSES OF FIRE...

AND WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN, MY BOLD PRETTY?

WAITING FOR YOU, BOLD CAPTAIN!

OH, DAN... I KNEW IT THE FIRST MOMENT...

BUT THINGS HADN'T WORKED OUT SO GLAMOROUSLY FOR DAN! LOVE HAD COME TO HIM WITH STARTLING ABRUPTNESS... WITH A GIRL LIKE NONE IN HIS REVERIES...

I'M SURE I'LL LIKE WORKING FOR YOU, MR. PORTER! IT'S INSANE... SHE'S NOT AT ALL THE FEMME FATALE I'VE ALWAYS WANTED! BUT THERE'S SOME-THING COMPELLING ABOUT HER... THAT YOUTHFUL ENTHUSIASM AND FRESHNESS...

NO, DAN COULDN'T SAY WHY HE LOVED JANIE... BUT HE DID!

GOLDURN IT, WHY HAVEN'T I DONE ANYTHING ABOUT IT... WHY MUST I BE SO SHY? I'M IN LOVE WITH THE GIRL... AND UNLESS I DO SOMETHING, SOMEONE ELSE MAY GRAB HER OFF!

BUT JANIE IS OBLIVIOUS TO DAN'S PROBLEMS... FOR SHE HAS A DATE TONIGHT... THE DATE OF A LIFE-TIME!

THANKS FOR LENDING ME THE DRESS, MARGE... IT'S PERFECT!

YOU'LL KNOCK THAT BRAZILIAN MONEY-MAN DEAD, HONEY! I'LL WAIT UP FOR THE REPORT... GOOD LUCK!

IT WAS A GLORIOUS EVENING! A WHOLE NEW WORLD OPENED FOR JANIE... A WORLD OF WEALTH, EXCITEMENT, GAIETY...



AND GOING HOME... JANIE SUCCUMBED TO THE ARDOR OF HIS FIERY LATIN KISS! TIME AND PLACE WERE FORGOTTEN--UNTIL...

JANIE... HOW I WISH I'D MET YOU WHEN I WAS... YOUNGER...

BUT JUAN... WHAT DIFFERENCE... DO A FEW YEARS MAKE?

ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD, MY DEAR! YOU'RE A SWEET GIRL, BUT YOU'RE NOT FOR ME! YOU SEE, I'M MARRIED... I CAN'T LIE TO YOU!

OH! YOU... YOU...



YES THAT'S THE DANGER OF BUILDING DREAM CASTLES... THEY'RE LIKELY TO CRASH ABOUT YOUR EARS!

...AND THEN... H-HE SAID HE WAS MARRIED! OH, MARGE... LET'S FACE IT... ALL THE HANDSOME AND DESIRABLE MEN ARE MARRIED!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, ALL? WHAT ABOUT OUR OWN BOSS?

HUH? YOU MEAN MR. PORTER? WHY, THAT DRAB... UNIMAGINATIVE...

THINK SO? HE'S HANDSOME... HE WAS A COMBAT ACE DURING THE WAR... SHOT DOWN THREE TIMES, WITH EVERY DECORATION IN THE BOOK! AND UNIMAGINATIVE? WHEN HE GOT OUT OF COLLEGE, HE KNOCKED AROUND IN TRAMP STEAMERS FOR TWO YEARS SO HE COULD SEE THE WORLD!



WHEN ARE YOU GONNA WAKE UP? EVERYBODY IN THE OFFICE KNOWS HE'S CRAZY ABOUT YOU... AND YOU DON'T EVEN GIVE HIM A TUMBLE!

I... I DON'T BELIEVE IT! IT... COULDN'T BE! ANYWAY... I'M NOT INTERESTED!

OF COURSE, JANIE WAS FLATTERED, BUT STILL... NOT INTERESTED! NO, DAN PORTER WASN'T THE MAN OF HER FANCIFUL DREAMS... AND SO, WHEN CIRCUMSTANCE MIGHT HAVE THROWN THEM TOGETHER...

JANIE HAD MADE HER FEELINGS QUITE CLEAR---AND DAN, SHY DAN, GAVE UP HOPE! SEVERAL WEEKS LATER...

ADDRESS THIS LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES JUSTICE DEPARTMENT! "GENTLEMEN: IN REPLY TO YOUR RECENT

LETTER OFFERING ME THE POSITION OF FIRST COUNSEL TO

CAN I... OFFER YOU IT'S NOT NECESSARY, A LIFT IN MY CAR? MR. PORTER... I'LL BE ALL RIGHT!

THE SENATE CRIME INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE...



YES... ME! SHALL WE REFUSE? BUT YOU... CONTINUE?... "I AM FORCED TO REFUSE..."

REFUSE? BUT YOU SHOULD BE PROUD...

I AM, BUT I'VE BEEN RECALLED TO ACTIVE SERVICE WITH THE AIR CORPS IN KOREA... AND I'LL BE LEAVING AT THE END OF THE WEEK!

ACTIVE SERVICE? BUT THAT MEANS HE'LL BE IN DANGER!



WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE VAGUE FEARS WHICH MAKE JANIE TENSER AS THE DAY WENDS ON? AND WHY, NOW, DO GRIM NEWS REPORTS HOLD SPECIAL MEANING?

AERIAL BATTLES OVER NORTH KOREA GROW FIERCER! HEAVY LOSSES REPORTED BY...



SUDDENLY, JANIE KNEW AGONY! NOW, SHE HURRIED TO THE OFFICE IN THE MORNING... DRESSED IN HER BEST FINERY... FLASHING HER BEST SMILE... SCENTED WITH EXPENSIVE PERFUME...

THAT WILL BE ALL, MISS WINSLOW! HE... DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE! HOW COULD MARGE SAY THAT HE LIKES ME... WHEN HE'S SO COLD TO ME NOW? AND IN A FEW MORE DAYS... HE'LL BE GONE!

ALL TOO SOON, THE WEEK WAS OVER! NOW, AT THE GAY OFFICE PARTY HONORING DAN... JANIE FACED THE TRUTH!



BUT IT WAS TOO LATE NOW, AND ALL THAT REMAINED FOR JANIE WAS TO BROOD OVER WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN! AND FOR DAN...

I SHOULD HAVE SPOKEN TO HER... BUT WHAT RIGHT DO I HAVE TO ASK HER TO WAIT... WHEN I MAY NOT COME BACK?

HOW COME YOU DON'T HAVE A GIRL WITH YOU ON YOUR LAST NIGHT AT HOME? COME TO THINK OF IT... HOW COME A PRIZE CATCH LIKE YOU ISN'T MARRIED?



I... I'M SORT OF SHY WITH GIRLS! THERE IS A GIRL I CARE FOR-- A LOT-- BUT HOW CAN I ASK HER TO WAIT FOR ME WHEN SHE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW I'M ALIVE? I WOULDN'T HAVE THE NERVE!

WOULDN'T HAVE THE NERVE? YOU... A HOT-ROCK PILOTZ DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! YOU MUST TELL HER HOW YOU FEEL... TONIGHT!



SUDDENLY, DETERMINATION WELLED UP IN DAN...

YOU'RE... RIGHT! I'M GOING TO SPEAK MY PIECE... IF I HAVE TO TIE AND GAG HER... AND I'M DOING IT NOW!



IT WAS A RECKLESS DAN WHO BURST FRENZIEDLY INTO JANIE'S LODGING-HOUSE...

YOUNG MAN, WHAT DO YOU MEAN CHARGING IN HERE...



WHAT'S MISS JANIE WINSLOW'S ROOM NUMBER? QUICK... I'VE GOT TO SPEAK TO HER!

YOU'LL DO NO SUCH THING AT THIS HOUR! GET OUT OF HERE OR I'LL CALL THE POLICE!

OKAY, IF YOU WON'T HELP ME, I'LL FIND HER MYSELF... IF I HAVE TO BREAK DOWN EVERY DOOR IN THE PLACE! JANIE! JANIE!



EEEK! IT'S A MAN...AND
HE'S OUT OF HIS
HEAD! JANIE!
JANIE!

JANIE...WHERE
ARE YOU? GOOD HEAVENS...IT'S
DAN! I...I'M IN HERE!



AND SO, THEY WERE TO-
GETHER...AT LAST!

OH, JANIE... I'VE FOUND
YOU! I... I HAD A BEAUTIFUL
SPEECH PREPARED... BUT
I CAN'T THINK OF ANY-
THING NOW... EXCEPT
THAT I LOVE YOU!

OH,
DAN...
DARLING!

J-JANIE...
YOU
MEAN...?

I LOVE
YOU TOO,
DARLING
...WITH
ALL MY
HEART!

THAT'S
HIM,
OFFICER
...HE'S A
MADMAN!

SURE... I'M IN LOVE! AND
I'VE GOT ONLY TEN MINUTES
TO CATCH THE ONE O'CLOCK
TRAIN FOR WASHINGTON...
OR I'LL BE A.W.O.L.!



TEN MINUTES TO CATCH A TRAIN... TEN MINUTES
TO SPEAK FROM THE FULLNESS OF TWO HEARTS BRIM-
MING WITH LOVE...

SWEETHEART... IF I'D ONLY
KNOWN SOONER...

DON'T SAY ANY-
THING, DAN... JUST
HOLD ME,
TIGHT!



JANIE, WAIT FOR ME!

OH, MY DARLING... I'LL
WAIT... COUNTING EVERY
SECOND! YOU'VE GOT
TO COME BACK...
FOR ME!



An ARMFUL of LOVE!

LISA HAD BEEN seeing quite a bit of Tom...and she'd adored every minute of it! From a casual date or two, their meeting had progressed steadily to a point where a day seemed sort of incomplete without a phone call from him.

Now, thinking of him as she brushed her hair into its crisp little ringlets, she smiled. Then, catching a glimpse of her smile in the mirror, she thought, "Why, you...you...that's the most possessive smile I ever saw! You're behaving as though it's all been settled for both of you!"

Lisa knew it wasn't settled. Far from it. For one thing, they'd never discussed the future. That was Lisa's fault, as she well knew. For early in their dating, when Tom had kissed her a light goodnight kiss on the cheek, she had drawn sharply back. Then, noting his look of hurt, she'd explained, "It isn't you, Tom! You're...awfully nice! It's just that...well...people ought to know each other very well, I think..."

Her voice had trailed off, but the impression had remained between them, a living thing. Tom, knowing that she had a reserved, cool temperament, had never again overstepped the strictest bounds of propriety.

"We have fun together, laugh, talk, but..." Lisa wondered regretfully what had happened. Was there any way to show him that she'd learned to care a good deal...that he mattered?

"Hey, up there! Aren't you ready?" Tom's shouted query brought Lisa to a halt in her musings.

"Sorry," she called back, "I got lost in a mental maze!"

The party they were going to had

reached a lively stage by the time they arrived. Smoke, laughter and song filled the air, with the tinkling of a piano lending a background to the sounds of hilarity.

Then a girl pushed through the crowd. She was a slim brunette, her face an avid mask of brilliant makeup, her eyes narrowed in search. They widened when they discovered Tom. "I don't know you, do I?" she asked, her voice husky and intriguing. She turned her bare back on Lisa as though Lisa did not exist. "I don't know you and that's a pity! Come along, darling, and tell me all about your handsome self!"

For an instant, Lisa was amused at the corny approach. Then, noting the light of interest in Tom's eyes, she felt a sudden wrench of pain...and fury!

Maintaining her usual cool reserve was a little hard, but Lisa managed. "Take your claws off his arm," she directed sweetly and clearly. "And take yourself to some other part of the forest, you...you...man-eater! You see, my claws aren't as visible, but they can be sharp!"

The brunette gulped and disappeared. Tom, looking steadily at Lisa, made her blush with the self-consciousness of what she'd done.

"You're sort of a tiger yourself!" Tom remarked.

"I...I'm so embarrassed..." Lisa faltered. "You see, I...I..."

Tom took her in his arms. His kiss was all that she'd wanted it to be. "You've turned into quite an armful," he said. "An armful of love!"

THERE WAS BOUND TO BE FIREWORKS, FLAKING TEMPERS, AND AT LEAST ONE BROKEN HEART WHEN TWO BEAUTIFUL WOMEN AND A HANDSOME MAN EMBARKED UPON A ...



THAT'S ME IN THE MIDDLE, MARGIE ROGERS --- AN ORPHAN FROM A HICK TOWN IN MONTANA, SEEKING MY FORTUNE IN NEW YORK ...



HILARY FORSYTE, THE WELL-KNOWN HEIRESS AND MAN-KILLER, HAD ADVERTISED FOR A PRIVATE SECRETARY! WHAT CHANCE DID AN INEXPERIENCED AND AWKWARD GIRL LIKE ME HAVE?



MY STAMMERING TOLD HER WHAT SHE WANTED TO KNOW, BECAUSE...

NEVER MIND---I CAN SEE YOU'RE AS INNOCENT AS A LAMB! WELL, MY COUNTRY BUMPKIN---THE POSITION IS YOURS!



IT...
IT IS?

MY DUTIES WERE LIGHT---BUT FASCINATING, BECAUSE I HAD A CHANCE TO WATCH HER!

FINISH THOSE LETTERS YOURSELF, MARGIE---I SIMPLY MUST DASH OFF TO A MATINEE! I DON'T KNOW WHY --- I'M SURE TO BE FRIGHTFULLY BORED!

BUT HOW---HOW CAN SHE BE BORED? HER LIFE IS SO EXCITING!



IN TIME I LEARNED THAT FOR ALL HER ADVANTAGES, HILARY WAS SPOILED, SELFISH, AND CRUEL...

ZIS CREATION HAS ZE CHIC, MADAME --- EET EES MY MASTERPIECE!

IT'S DISGUSTING, CHEAP, AND UGLY! COME, MARGIE---I WON'T HAVE MY EYES INSULTED ANY LONGER BY SUCH HIDEOUSNESS!



AS FOR MEN---THERE WERE DOZENS! AND ALL SHE TREAT LIKE DIRT---

I'VE TICKETS TO THE HORSE SHOW, HILARY... I THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE THAT!

ARE YOU TRYING TO BORE ME TO DEATH? TEAR THEM UP, RANDY---LET'S DO SOMETHING EXCITING!



SHE RAN THROUGH THEM WITH FRIGHTENING SPEED...

DARLING, YOU'RE MARVELOUS!

DON'T BE TRITE FRANK---I CAN'T STAND TRITENESS!

BUT HILARY, THAT'S HOW I FEEL... I LOVE YOU!

YOU'D BETTER GO---AND I WOULDN'T CALL AGAIN IF I WERE YOU!

ONE DAY I LEARNED WHY I HAD REALLY GOTTEN THE JOB...

THAT MOUSY SECRETARY OF YOURS, HILARY --- HOW CAN YOU STAND HER? YOU'VE FIRED THE OTHERS LONG BEFORE THIS!

IT'S PERFECTLY OBVIOUS, MY DEAR! THAT CREATURE IS SO AWKWARD AND INSIGNIFICANT--- SHE COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE COMPETITION!



FINALLY, NEVER MEETING ANYBODY OR GOING ANYWHERE, I GREW DESPERATE! SEVERAL NIGHTS LATER...

AND JUST WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?

WHY, I... I THOUGHT I'D GO TO A MOVIE! YOU'VE GOT A DATE TONIGHT AND I THOUGHT...

WELL, DON'T THINK -- YOU'RE NOT BEING PAID FOR IT! I'VE BROKEN MY ENGAGEMENT FOR THE NIGHT -- AND I'VE SEVERAL THINGS FOR YOU TO DO!

Y-YES, MISS FORSYTE!

BUT IT WAS ONLY THAT HILARY WANTED COMPANY -- NEEDED IT! FOR HOURS I WATCHED HER READ MAGAZINES -- THEN --

GOOD HEAVENS! WHAT A MARVELOUS IDEA! WHAT A PERFECTLY DIVINE IDEA!

WHAT IS IT, MISS FORSYTE?

THAT ARTICLE I WAS READING --- ALL ABOUT HUNTING BIG GAME IN **AFRICA**! HOW EXCITING --- HOW REFRESHING! I'M GOING TO MAKE PLANS AND START BUYING THINGS INSTANTLY!

A-AFRICA?

YES! A SAFARI! I'LL HAVE TO TAKE SHOOTING LESSONS IMMEDIATELY! YOU TOO --- BECAUSE YOU'RE COMING ALONG!

WHY, I... I'D LOVE TO!



I WAS THRILLED BY THE IDEA! AND SO --- SOON AFTERWARDS...

VOYAGES ARE SO FRIGHTFULLY TEDIOUS! BY THE WAY, MARGIE, YOU DIDN'T NEED THOSE SHOOTING LESSONS AT ALL! YOU HANDLE A GUN LIKE A BILLY THE KID!

BACK IN MONTANA MY DAD ALWAYS TOOK ME HUNTING WITH HIM! I WAS A DEAD SHOT BEFORE I WAS TWELVE!

AT LAST... OUR DESTINATION! THE CHAP I HIRED THROUGH THE HUNTER'S CLUB IN NEW YORK SHOULD BE HERE TO MEET US! GOOD HEAVENS... CAN THAT DIVINE CREATURE BE...?

GOSH, HE'S SO... SO... MASCULINE!



RICK KELLNER LEFT US BOTH SPEECHLESS FOR A MOMENT! HILARY WAS THE FIRST TO RECOVER...

WELL, WELL... THIS IS MORE THAN I BARGAINED FOR... BUT HOW VERY NICE!

EVERYTHING'S PREPARED, MISS FORSYTE! HOWEVER, IF YOU'RE GOING TO HUNT IN THE JUNGLES YOU'LL HAVE TO GET OUT OF THESE RIDICULOUS COCKTAIL DRESSES AND INTO SOMETHING SENSIBLE!

TO MY AMAZEMENT, HILARY TOOK HIS ORDERS OBEDIENTLY! AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, I FELT MY COMPETITIVE SPIRIT AS A WOMAN STIRRING WITHIN ME!

HE'S... TOO DARLING FOR WORDS! IMAGINE HOW AMUSING IT WILL BE... NOBODY OUT THERE IN THE WILDS FOR WEEKS BUT US TWO!

SHE ACTS AS IF... AS IF I'M NOT EVEN A PERSON! BUT I'LL SHOW HER!



AS THE SAFARI COMMENCED, AND CIVILIZATION WAS LEFT BEHIND...

IT'S SEVERAL DAYS AWAY YET, BUT I'M SURE I CAN GET SOME GOOD HUNTING IN FOR YOU GIRLS!

MISS ROGERS IS MERELY MY SECRETARY, RICK! AND THE POOR DEAR IS SO TIMID SHE'D FAINT IF SOMEONE PUT A GUN IN HER HANDS!

I WAS FURIOUS AT HER CRUDE ATTEMPT TO MAKE ME APPEAR LIKE A SPINELESS WEAKLING IN HIS EYES... BUT WHAT COULD I DO?



SURE YOU WON'T TRY YOUR LUCK? COME ON, THERE'S NOTHING TO BE SCARED OF!

NO, NO, RICK... DON'T FRIGHTEN THE POOR DARLING! SHOOTING DOES MAKE YOU ILL, DOESN'T IT?

ER, Y-YES! I-I HATE IT!

THERE WAS A TRIUMPHANT LOOK IN HILARY'S EYES... AND A GLANCE OF ANNOYANCE IN RICK'S! HOPELESSLY, I WATCHED THEM DRAWN CLOSER AND CLOSER TOGETHER...



THAT NIGHT, VERY LATE, UNABLE TO SLEEP BECAUSE
OF THE GAIETY AND LAUGHTER OF THEIR PARTY
FOR TWO...



MADE NO PRETENSE OF BEING ASLEEP...



NOW THAT HE WAS BEYOND MY REACH, I REALIZED HOW MUCH HE MEANT TO ME --- HOW VERY MUCH! WHEN HILARY HAD RETIRED...



STARTLED, I TURNED...

YOU LITTLE FOOL --- DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S DANGEROUS OUT HERE AT NIGHT? I'D NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO YOU!

RICK, I---I---
WHAT DO YOU
MEAN?



WE LOOKED INTO EACH OTHER'S EYES A LONG MOMENT! THEN, AS ONE---

THAT I'VE BEEN PRETENDING---THAT IT'S YOU WHO'S DONE THINGS TO MY HEART EVER SINCE I FIRST SAW YOU!



HIS STRONG ARMS ABOUT ME, HIS WARM MOUTH ON MINE, OUR HEARTS BEATING AS ONE---IT WAS ECSTASY!



SUDDENLY, SOMETHING IN HIM FROZE! AS HE BROKE AWAY---

NO, MARGIE---
IT CAN'T BE! I'VE
GOT NO RIGHT TO
YOU! IT---IT'S GOT
TO BE HER!

NOT IF YOU
LOVE ME!
AND YOU DO
---I KNOW
IT!



OF COURSE I LOVE YOU! BUT WHAT GOOD'S MERE LOVE? YOU THINK I WANT TO BE A HUNTER STUCK AWAY IN THE ROTTING JUNGLES ALL MY LIFE? HILARY'S GOT MONEY--- OODLES OF IT! DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?

YOU CAN'T--- MEAN THAT!

BUT I DO! LET'S FORGET WHAT HAPPENED! LET'S---

YOU --- YOU DESPICABLE --- YOU'RE VILE!

WHOM DID I DESPISE MORE--- HILARY OR RICK? THEY'D MAKE A FINE COUPLE, I THOUGHT CYNICALLY! EARLY THE NEXT MORNING...

YOU'RE GOING TO GET YOUR CHANCE TO BRING DOWN A LION TODAY, HILARY!

MARVELOUS! COME ALONG, MARGIE --- I WANT YOU TO SEE THIS!



AFTER A LONG STALK---

HOLD IT---THAT'S MUCH TOO LONG A SHOOT FOR YOU! WAIT'LL WE GET CLOSER!

I CAN KILL HIM FROM HERE! TAKE YOUR HAND AWAY!



DEAR, SPOILED, SELFISH HILARY---SHE HAD TO HAVE HER WAY! AND SO---

NOW YOU'VE DONE IT! YOU'VE ONLY WOUNDED THE BEAST--- AND HE'S HEADING FOR THE BUSH! WE'LL HAVE TO GO IN AFTER HIM! TROUBLE IS, YOU CAN'T SEE A LION CROUCHING IN GRASS!



AS THE DANGEROUS SEARCH BEGAN---

THIS IS STUPID! WHY DON'T WE LEAVE THE CREATURE ALONE?

BECAUSE IT'S IN PAIN, THAT'S WHY---AND WE HUNTERS HAVE A CODE!

RICK... LOOK OUT!



AT THE CHARGE OF THE WOUNDED LION, RICK RAISED HIS RIFLE! BUT TO OUR HORROR---

YE GODS! THE RIFLE ... IT'S JAMMED!

SHOOT, HILARY ... SHOOT!

RR-ROW!



FOR A SPLIT SECOND, HILARY FROZE! THEN, FLINGING HER GUN AWAY---



WITH RICK IN DANGER, IT NEVER OCCURRED TO ME TO RUN! THEN, ACTING SWIFTLY---



INS IF IN ANSWER TO MY SILENT PRAYERS...

OH, RICK
---THANK HEAVENS!

M-MARGIE!
YOU ---SAVED
---MY LIFE!
WHERE'S
HILARY...
STILL
RUNNING?

HE WAS BADLY CLAWED...
BUT WELL ENOUGH TO WALK!
IN SILENCE WE TRAMPED
DOWN THE JUNGLE TRAIL
TOWARD CAMP! THEN, SUDDENLY, HE TURNED...

MARGIE, CAN YOU ---EVER FORGIVE ME? I WAS SUCH A BLIND, STUPID FOOL! I LOVE YOU MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE IN THE WORLD! WILL YOU ---TAKE A CHANCE WITH ME?

OH, RICK...

NOTHING MATTERED NOW---NOW THAT I WAS IN HIS ARMS AGAIN! ROCKETS AND SUNS SEEMED TO EXPLODE ABOUT US---TIME LOST ALL MEANING! HOW COULD LIFE HOLD ANYTHING BUT GLORIOUS HAPPINESS FOR US...



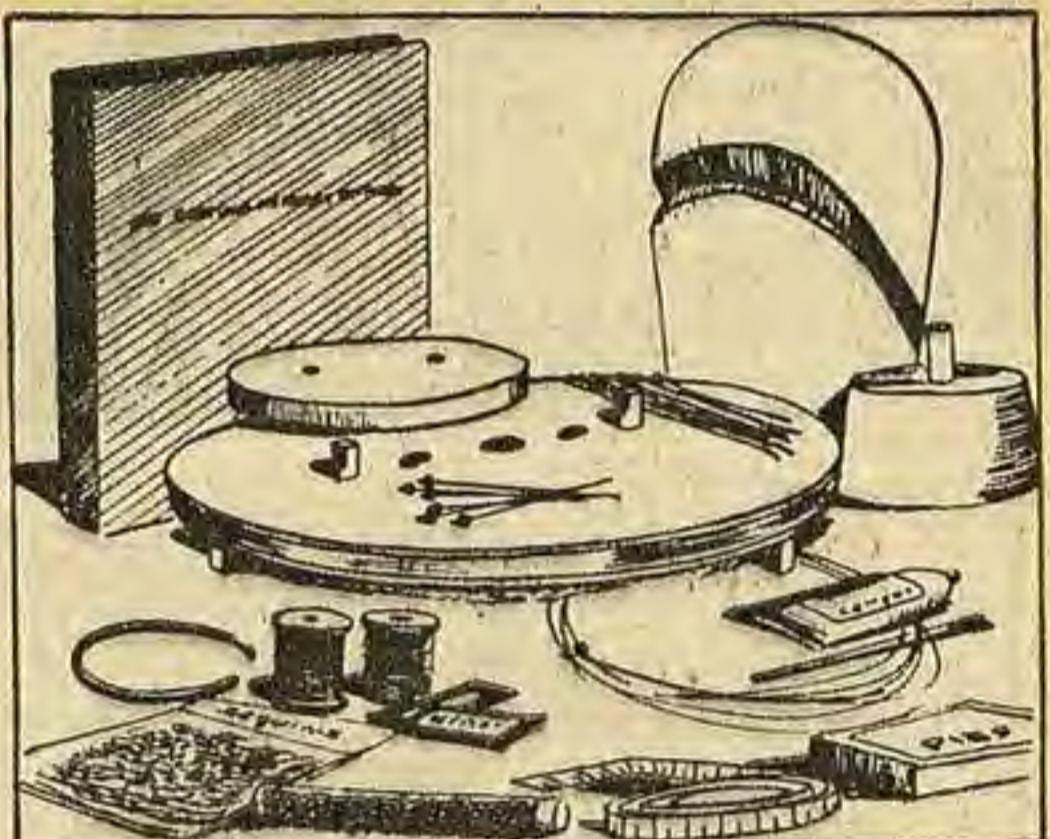
...WHEN WE HAD
SO MUCH LOVE
TO SUSTAIN US?

THE END!

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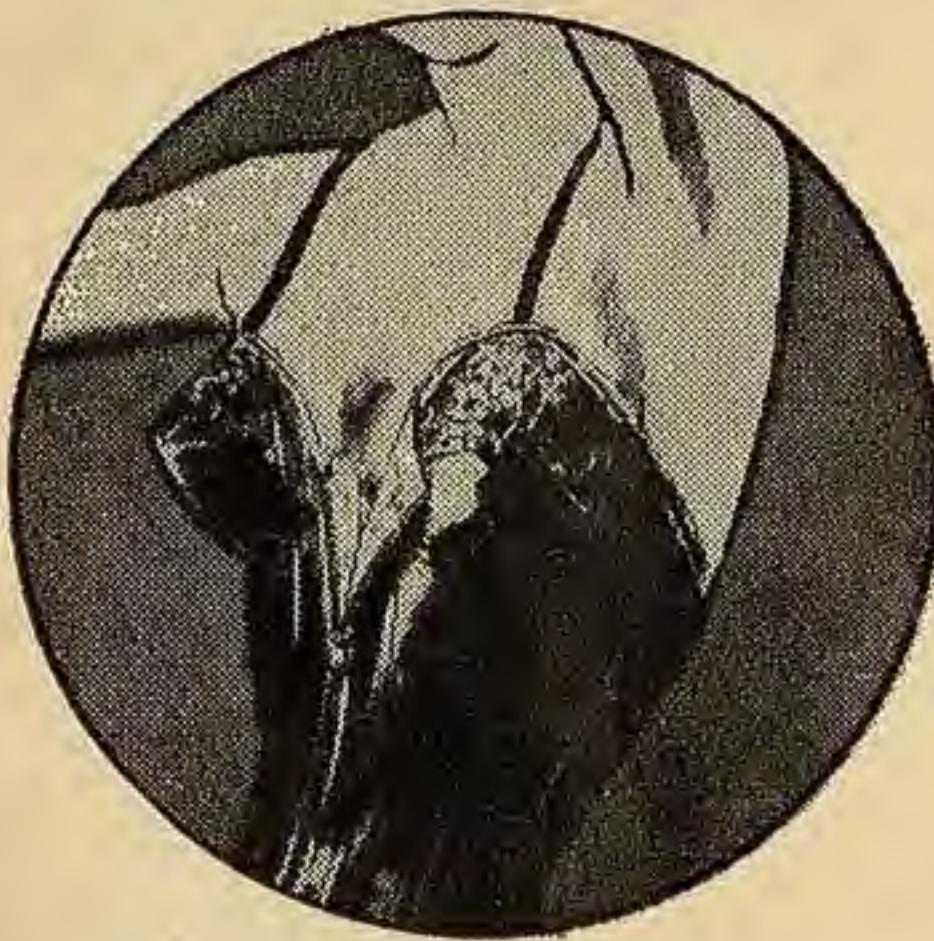
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